

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: K. TAKAHASHI et al. Confirmation No.: 3101  
Serial No.: 10/822,663  
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For: AUTOMATIC ANALYZER  
Group: 1797  
Examiner: P. Kathryn Wright

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 17, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2008, the period for reply thereto being extended two months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire June 17, 2008, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.